THE

Lord Chancellor's SPEECH

Upon the

Lord Treasurer's

Taking his *OATH*

IN THE

EXCHEQUER,

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My Lord Treaſurer,

THe King of His Grace and Favour hath made choice of you to be *Lord High Treaſurer of England*, as alſo *Treaſurer* of His *Exchequer*, which are two diſtinct Offices. The firſt you are already poſſeſſed of, by the Kings delivery of the White Staff, and have taken the Oath for that Office before me in another place. The other His Majeſty hath conferred on you by His Letters Patents, under the Great Seal, which I am to deliver your Lordſhip, after you have been Sworn into that Office in this *Court*; of which, by this Patent, you are made a *Chief Judge*.

Kings are as *Gods*, and beſtow Honour, Riches, and Power where they pleaſe; but in this They *are as Men*, that They can onely *Chooſe*, not *Make* a perſon Adequate to their Imployment: For if Their Choiſe be meerly *Favour*, not *Fitneſs*, their *Omnipotency* is quickly ſeen through. Our *Great Maſter* hath therefore choſen you, one He has had Experience of theſe many years, as a Member of this Houſe of Commons, which hath been ſo fruitful a *Nurſery* of our *Engliſh Miniſters* and *States-men*. Beſides, your Lordſhip was ſome years ſince joyned with another very able and worthy Perſon in the *Treaſury* of the *Navy*, and after that managed it alone: So that you have before this been truſted

with Three parts of Five of the *Revenue* of the *Crown*.

My Lord,

You are in a *Place*, the *very beſt* that any Engliſh Subject is capable of, therefore you are in another *Poſition*, not onely to the *King* our *Maſter*, but to us All, then you were ever before. He and we have all reaſon to look upon you as a Man at *Eaſe*, and that has nothing to wiſh, but the *Proſperity* of his *Maſter* and the *Nation*, that you may quietly and long enjoy ſo *Great* a *Place*, under ſo *Good* a *Maſter*. There is no more to be asked of you in this Condition, but that you *know* your own *Intereſt*, and that will ſecure you to the *King's* and the *Nation's*. I repeat them thus *together*, becauſe none but *Mountebanks* in State-matters can think of them *aſunder*. And let me ſay to your Lordſhip, That however happy you have been in arriving to this High Station, yet *Parta tueri non minor eſt virtus*. Many great men have proved unfortunate, in not obſerving that the *Addreſs* and *Means* to *Attain* great things, are oftentimes very different from *thoſe* that are neceſſary to *Maintain* and *Eſtabliſh* a ſure and long *Poſſeſſion* of them.

My Lord,

'Twill be no *Civility* to you, to hold you longer; The Viſits you are to make to the ſeveral Offices of the *Exchequer* will take you up the reſt of this Morning. I ſhall only add my *good wiſhes*, That your Lordſhip may long enjoy the *Honour* of this *Great Employment*, and His Majeſty the *Satisfaction* of *His Choice*.

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